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FROM AN OVERLOOK BY LAC TREMPEALEAU

Between the Mississippi and road stretch
the marshlands of Lac Trempealeau where
like fallen snow, the white Egrets wade
between white water lilies; and the white
Pelicans rise in slow motion as their
white wings push gravity down like the
languid fans at a summer sermon, then dive
and scoop up wriggling silvered fish
like shattered points of ice that
melt away in blue pouched beaks. Up
up and around, Pelicans and Egrets turn
in white nimbus clouds, and fall softly
down again, the white feathered floating
among white flowers and green round leaves.

— *Margaret Berg*